

Remember that time  
 When you dived in the warm pool to seek and to find  
 And you hurt yourself  
 And the water tasted really funny  
 Remember how the chlorine smelled?  
 That was summer.

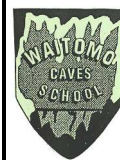
By Peta, Kyah and Elijah

Remember that time  
 When you felt the heat and started to sweat  
 And you had to have an icy drink of water  
 And it dribbled down your throat  
 Remember how the sweatiness smelled?  
 That was summer.

By Jessie and Rawiri

Remember that time?  
 When you ran onto the black sand and it was scorching hot  
 And you had to quickly run to the salty water to cool your feet down  
 And the water felt so luxurious  
 Remember how the salt smelled?  
 That was summer.

By Tui and Portia



# Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term One 2012

Week Eight – 23 March

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

The SNUP upgrade is complete and the schools network system is working very well.

The fundraising committee have been working well to co-ordinate last week's rugby luncheon and the Sports Day canteen. Your support is sincerely appreciated and we look forward to a successful Sports Day fundraiser tomorrow. Please remember to pop in to the canteen and help out with selling food, cakes, drinks and raffles etc.

## Hellers Sausages for Schools

Thank you to the fundraising committee who have been successful in an application for sausages. These will be available in May for the Winter Sports day and rugby club dinners.

## Junior Class Support

Thank you to the parents who have indicated they can support learning activities in the junior class during literacy sessions. A roster has been sent home to those families involved. If anyone would like to help and haven't returned the pink form please contact me at school on 8787534 or Suz Verry at 8788582 who will co-ordinate this project.

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## Cricket Challenge

An interschool cricket challenge is organised for next Wednesday 28 March at the Domain. Some senior students will be involved in this and the draw is:

11.00am Kinohaku vs Waitomo

12.00pm Piripiri vs Waitomo

## Swimming

Thank you to Dawn Davidson for supporting our swimming programmes during Monday afternoon sessions. We are also appreciative of Rachel Stubbs and her commitment to swimming this year. Rachel, with the support of staff, has selected and worked with competitive swimmers at COP's and Interschool's level which adheres to the NZ Swimming Federation Rules. Such meets are invitation only and we have been privileged to be involved in this opportunity.

The following results were achieved by swimmers at the Interschool's Swimming Sports day recently held in Te Kuiti.

Peta Pitts-Brown – 2 lengths backstroke (3<sup>rd</sup>), 2 lengths freestyle (3<sup>rd</sup>), 2 length breaststroke (3<sup>rd</sup>), 1 length freestyle (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Blaze Cameron – 2 lengths backstroke (2<sup>nd</sup>), 1 length backstroke (3<sup>rd</sup>). Tiana Henry – 2 lengths backstroke (3<sup>rd</sup>), 1 length backstroke (3<sup>rd</sup>), 1 length freestyle (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Keely Gray – 1 length backstroke (3<sup>rd</sup>), 1 length freestyle (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Te Rito Hughes – 1 length backstroke (1<sup>st</sup>), 1 length freestyle (1<sup>st</sup>).

Sian Dimond – 1 length backstroke (2<sup>nd</sup>), 1 length freestyle (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Kyah Cornes – 1 length backstroke (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Arleyah Henry – 1 length backstroke (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Waitomo Caves School – relay team (3<sup>rd</sup>).



Although the school pool isn't looking crystal clear at the moment I have been assured the tests comply for usage and the weather has played a part in the discolouring. The water temperature is lovely and warm and swimming will continue until the end of this term at the teacher's discretion.

## Year 8 Otorohanga College Experience Day

The first open day visit for College will be on Thursday 29 March for Year 8 students and their parents. All Year 8's will be encouraged to attend. The Powhiri will begin at 9.30am, please assemble at the bus shelter in front of the school. The formal handover visit for those who intend enrolling at College will be in Term 4 on the Thursday 22 November where the students, parents and staff will attend.

## Children's Work

A Year 4 to 8 literacy group have been learning to show rather than tell in their writing in order to make it more effective. They have been using powerful adjectives to write a poem based on a personal experience.

Remember that time

When your triple scoop ice cream melted down your arm

And you had to lick it clean

And it tasted all sweaty

Remember how the sweetness smelt?

That was summer.

By Kauri Class Year 4-8

Remember that time

When your road had wet tar on it

And you picked it up and played with it

And it felt like thick goo

Remember how the tar smelled?

That was summer.

By Tiana, Keely and Devon

Remember that time when

You jumped off the bridge

Then you hit the bottom of the river

And the water was cold

And we didn't have a towel

Remember how the dirt smelled?

That was summer.

By Ratapu, Te Hurinui and Arleyah

Remember that time

When your grass was freshly mowed

And you jumped and ran all over the place

And it felt all smooth and soft

Remember how the grass smelled?

That was summer.

By Angel, Blaze and Te Rito

### **Community Assembly**

Our end of term community assembly will be held on the last day of the term. This is Thursday 5 April at 1.30pm and can't be missed. Please note that assembly is scheduled earlier in the afternoon.

### **Court Area**

Thank you to Rarangi and Tia for painting the tennis court lines. Tanchia is going to co-ordinate the netball lines for painting. Please let her know if you are able to help with this.

### **Year 9's and Staff**

It is always exciting to hear from past pupils and after speaking with Tai, Roimata, Bailey, Leah and Alex this week it's neat to know they are all enjoying their secondary schooling at Otorohanga College. They have made a lot of friends in Otorohanga and talked favourably about college life.

Tai 'It's cool!' Tai's favourite subject is social studies and her favourite teacher is Mr Howitt. Mr Howitt is her Dean. Tai is in Brown House and recently her house won a power pulling event and athletics. She has lots of friends such as Roimata, Riley and Monique.

Roimata 'It's good!' Roimata said she is in the same House as Tai. Her favourite subjects are social studies and metal work. Her favourite teachers are Mr Howitt and Mr Isaac. Roimata is currently playing volleyball for the College team. Her friends are Tai, Denise and Phoenix.

Bailey 'Great! Really, really great!' Bailey loves College especially art with Mr Gray. Mr Gray is Bailey's favourite teacher, 'he's amazing'. Bailey has 11 kids in his class with Miss Hannay. Bailey turned 13 on Tuesday and had a cool day for his birthday with chocolate and banana cakes to enjoy with his friends.

Alex 'Great fun!' Alex is enjoying all the different teachers although he's had lots of assessments lately. His favourite subject is science with Mr Burt, 'he's funny'. Alex is enjoying his sports and is playing cricket, soccer and basketball.

Leah 'Fantastic, love it! Love everything about College!' Leah enjoys having set subjects for long periods at a time with lots of teachers and rotating to lessons. English is her favourite subject with Miss Joyce. Leah is playing soccer and has auditioned for this years school production. Leah and Alex are both members of Kedgley House.

Keep up the fantastic work Tai, Roimata, Bailey, Leah and Alex.

Mrs Fleming says things are full on at College, the staff are great, very supportive and friendly. The kids are a great bunch. Mrs Fleming misses leaving home at 9.15am and being home in the afternoons. She now gets up

really early and comes home late in the day. She says she was spoilt with the hours she worked at Waitomo Caves. Mrs Fleming is involved in the organisation of Sports Day and things are on track for that. She is also looking forward to the holidays.

Mrs George has had the parents of a German exchange student she hosted 5 years ago come to NZ for 4 weeks. She enjoyed showing them many interesting local places as well as the Coromandel and Rotorua. Mrs George even went to the Chiefs vs Blues game recently. She is still teaching music at St Mary's and has quite a lot of piano students. (With space for a few more). The Choir had a workshop with some very famous singers from the UK (except one who is a Kiwi). The Kings Singers has only 6 men but they sing all sorts of music and were fabulous to listen to. She has also learnt a lot about listening more to each other as they sing. Mrs George enjoys Arleyah and Tiana keeping her in touch with events at our school.

**Thank you**

Thank you to all our adult helpers during the wearable arts days this week. Thanks Trieste, Jamie, Gaye, Bex and friends.

**Stationery Fees**

Please pay any outstanding stationery fees by the end of this term. Thanks.

**Community News**

**Marokopa Trail Bike Ride** Easter Saturday 7 April, registration 8.30am, ride starts 11am. Riders need enough fuel for 100+kms, \$30 Riders/\$15 Pillion. Full meal provided, helmets and boots compulsory. Enquiries 07 876 7811 or 07 876 7885.

**Otorohanga Sports Junior Rugby** Mites and Midget training will commence once coaches and teams are finalised. Under 11's training will commence Monday 2 April, 4.00pm at the Island Reserve. From then every Monday and Friday 4.00pm. Any queries contact Lucas Quinn 0275172474. Under 13's every Tuesday and Thursday at 5.00pm at the Island Reserve. It's not too late for more registrations. Any queries call Paul McConnell 0272901922.

**What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School**

24 March	Waitomo Sports Day	
27 March	BOT meeting	
28 March	Cricket Challenge Day	
29 March	Year 8 College Open Day	
3 April	Piripiri School visit to WCS	
5 April	Community Assembly, 1.30pm	
5 April	End of Term 1	
23 April	Term 2 begins	Mrs Tamae Dimond Principal ☺